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**For:** "MAGNETIC HEAD WITH PROTECTED POLE PIECE AND DISK DRIVE CONTAINING THE SAME" (as amended herein)

**Previous Title: "METHOD OF PROTECTING THE POLE PIECE OF A MAGNETIC HEAD DURING THE ION MILL PATTERNING OF THE YOKE"**

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced **DIVISIONAL** patent application which is based on U.S. Application No. 10/156,633 filed on 05/28/2002.

**IN THE TITLE**

Please delete the current title and substitute therefor --Magnetic Head With Protected Pole Piece And Disk Drive Containing The Same--.

**AFTER THE TITLE**

After the title, please add the following paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application having Serial No. 10/156,633 filed on 05/28/2002 entitled "Method Of Protecting The Pole Piece Of A Magnetic Head During The Ion Mill Patterning Of The Yoke".

### **IN THE SUMMARY**

On pp. 5-6, please replace the current paragraph in the Summary Of The Invention with the following new paragraph:

In one illustrative example of the present invention, a magnetic head includes a first pole piece; a second pole piece made of a front pole tip and a back gap pedestal; a gap layer which separates the first pole piece and the front pole tip of the second pole piece at an air bearing surface (ABS); a front connecting pedestal at least partially formed over the front pole tip; a back gap connecting pedestal at least partially formed over the back gap pedestal; an insulator material formed in between the front and the back connecting pedestals; and a yoke formed over the front and the back gap connecting pedestals.